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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (24 December 2009 - 01 January 2010)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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SEASON'S GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010 TO ALL READERS!!!

24/12/2009: Al, K7CA is currently active once again from Huasco, Chile, as CE1/K7CA until 23 February, 2010. Al will be very active on 160m again and intends to take part in the Stew Perry Topband Distance Challenge (26-27 December) and the CQ WW 160m CW Contest (22-24 January). He is running 1 kW into a 3L SteppIR Yagi and a vertical for the lowbands. Al is working almost only in CW, but SSB QSOs may be arranged via sked. Unfortunately his QSL manager NW7O confirms only direct. [DX Newsletter]

26/12/2009: On 26 December Gilles, F4FGJ will be QRV as F4FGJ/p, in company of Claude F5MCC, for the activation of the old mill of Champvallon (DMF 89-051) and the reactivation of the Castle of Champvallon (DFCF 89-036), commune of Champvallon (CP 89710), canton [county] Aillant sur Tholon (DDCF 89-01), Department Yonne/89 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). QSL will be automatically sent to all contacts made. [F5PRR]

26/12/2009: Pasquale, YV5KAJ reports that he is celebrating his 25th year in amateur radio by going on a DXpedition to the island of Tortuga (IOTA SA-044, DIV-041, WLOTA LH-0169, WW Loc. FK70HW). He will also be using the special callsign YW5EID during his operation between 26-29 December. QRV 40-12 metres, using SSB and Digital modes (RTTY/BPSK/Olivia). QSL direct to EA5KB or via eQSL. [dx-hamspirit.com]

27/12/2009: Harry, JG7PSJ (JD1BMH) and Makoto, JI5RPT (JD1BLY) will be active once again from from Chichi-jima [Jima and Shima in Japanese means Island] (AS-031, JIIA AS-031-003, WLOTA L-2269), Ogasawara Islands, from 27 December 2009 to 1 January 2010. QRV 160-10 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the bureau to JD1 calls or Direct to homecalls. Web pages: www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/ and sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/ [NG3K]

28/12/2009: Sam, G4OHX will be active as 5R8HX from Madagascar (IOTA AF-013 and WLOTA LH-2455) between 28 December, 2009 and 3 January, 2010. Activity will be mainly CW. He will also be active from South Africa as ZS5/G4OHX between 4-17 January. QSL via his home callsign direct only. [G4OHX]

28/12/2009: Nao, JK1FNL will be active as YJ0NA from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu, from 28 December to 4 January. He will operate on 40-6 metres with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

30/12/2009: Anne, OH2YL will be active again as OG20YL from Karjalohja, Finland, between 30.December.2009 and 03.January.2010 celebrating 20 years of ham radio. Look for her to be QRV on the HF-bands, using CW.

QSL via OH2YL (QRZ.com) [NG3K]

30/12/2009: Gunter TI7WGI, Andy DH8WR, Rene DL2JRM and Jens DL3ALF will be active from Playa del Coco Guanacaste, San Jose Island (NA-191), Costa Rica, as TI7XX between 30 December 2009 and 05 January 2010. QRV with 2 stations on air 160m-10m, using CW, SSB, PSK31 and RTTY. QSL direct or bureau to DL2JRM. Further information at: ti7.info/index.html [rsgbiota.org]

30/12/2009: Steve N6QEK will be active from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, as VY1/N6QEK between 30 December, 2009 and 04 January, 2010. QRV 80-10m (including WARC bands and he might try 160m if he can load into the antenna), using RTTY, PSK31 and SSB. His main goal is to activate the Yukon Territory for the ARRL RTTY Roundup Contest (2-3 January). QSL direct to home call. Steve will also be using Global QSL. Further info can be found on his web site at: www.n6qek.com/ [NG3K]

31/12/2009: Lee, HL1IWD will be active as DU1/HL1IWD from Manila, island of Luzon (IOTA OC-042, WLOTA LH-0081), Philippines, between 31 December 2009 and 3 January 2010. Activity will probably be on 80-10 metres using mainly CW. QSL via his home call (QRZ.com). [OPDX Bulletin]

31/12/2009: Wally VK6YS, Nigel VK6NI and Bruce KD6WW plan to be active as VK6IOA from the Wallabi Island Group (OC-211), between 31 December 2009 and 04 January 2010. QSL manager will be VK4AAR. They are looking for one operator to join. Please contact Wally, VK6YS - vk6ys at iinet.net.au if you are interested, for more information. Website: www.westozdx.net/IOTAS/OC211/OC211.html [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

04/01/2010: The Fishers Ghost Amateur Radio Club (VK2FFG) will be active as VI2AJ2010 during the 22nd Australian Scouts Jamboree, in Cataract Scout Park in Appin, NSW, Australia (IOTA OC-001, WLOTA LH-1520) from 4-14 January. Look for them to be QRV 160-10m, using various modes. QSL via VK2KDP, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/01/2010: Fred, PY2XB will be active from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003, DIB OC-01, WLOTA LH-1208) as PY2XB/PY0F from 23 January to 3 February, including an entry in the CQWW 160M CW contest (29-31 January) with the callsign PQ0F. Outside the contest look for Fred to be QRV on all bands, using CW, SSB and some RTTY and PSK. QSL both calls via PT7WA, direct or bureau. [PT7WA]

20/02/2010: Dimitri RA3CO and Yury RL3FT will be active from New Providence (Nassau), Bahamas (IOTA NA-001, WLOTA LH-1115) as C6AWL during the ARRL DX CW Contest (20-21 February) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via RX3RC (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

20/02/2010: Look for Kurt, W6PH to be active from the island of Bermuda (IOTA NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201) as VP9/W6PH during the ARRL DX CW Contest (20-21 February) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL direct to home call (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

22/02/2010: Jan, DL7JAN will again be on DXpedition in 2010. Destination this time is Brunei Darussalam (IOTA OC-088, WLOTA LH-1628) as V88/DL7JAN between 22 February and 3 March. Activity is planned from 160-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL is ok via the bureau, or direct to his home call. [NG3K]

06/03/2010: Kurt, W6PH will be QRV from Hamilton Perish, Bermuda (IOTA NA-005, WLOTA LH-0201), as VP9/W6PH for the ARRL DX SSB Contest (6-7 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL direct to home call (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

16/03/2010: Al, LA9SN will be active from Isla Robinson Crusoe (IOTA SA-005, WLOTA LH-0153), Juan Fernandez, from 16-23 March as CE0Z/LA9SN. QRV 80-10 metre, mostly CW 100W. End date might extend to March 26th. Al will report any changes, should they should arise. Web site: www.la9sn.com/ [NG3K]

03/04/2010: Operators Paul N6PSE (Team Leader), Andreas N6NU, Bob N6OX, Bruce W8HW, Garry NI6T, David AH6HY and Jun JH4RHF have planned a DXpedition to Erbil, Kurdistan, Iraq, and will be QRV 3-11 April using the callsign YI9PSE. They will have ten day visas issued by the Govt of Kurdistan. Activity will be on 160-10 metres including 30/17/12 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have at least 3 stations on the air. Suggested frequencies are: CW - 1824, 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024 kHz; SSB - 1845, 3780, 7065/7180, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495 kHz; RTTY - 7035, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz. Pilot station will be Chuck AA6G. QSL via N6NKT. Online logs will be available during and after the DXpedition. Further information can be found at: www.yi9pse.com/ [NG3K]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

24/12/2009: Aberdare & District ARS are putting on a special event station again this year to celebrate the Nos Galan Races that are held every New Years Eve at Mountain Ash near Aberdare (WW Loc. IO81GR, WAB SN90). The callsign this year will be GB0NG and will be active until the end of December. Operators will be Dean 2W0XTP, Paul GW0JTY and Peter GW0UHO. Last year's event, which was the 50th Anniversary of the Event the callsign GB5ONG was used and over 1000 contacts were made all over the World. QSL via 2W0XTP. More details can be found at www.radioclubs.net/aadars and also at www.nosgalan.co.uk/. [GB2RS]

01/01/2010: Special event station 8J3SENTO will be aired from 1 January to 31 December to commemorate the 1300th anniversary of Capital Relocation to Nara(-city) (as) Heijo-kyo (Sento: Capital Relocation), Kansai region, Nara prefecture, Honshu (AS-007, JIIA AS-007-001, WLOTA L2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WT/AC6IM]

01/01/2010: (Year Long Special Event - Yaesu Heritage Year 2010). Using their club callsign GS2MP (North of Scotland Contest Group GM7V), operators Chris GM3WOJ/ZL1CT and Jim/GM0NAI will be operating their vintage Yaesu transmitters/receivers and transceivers during the year 2010. Each calendar month they will use a different Yaesu radio, and amateurs worldwide are invited to work GS2MP and earn points towards the "Yaesu Heritage Year Award". Operation will mostly be on 40 and 20 metre, SSB and CW, using classic radios like the FT-dx-100 (original), FT-200, FT-dx-401, etc. Yaesu (UK) Ltd are kindly sponsoring the event by supplying special QSL cards, small trophies and a special prize to the overall 'winner' of this year-long fun event. More details to follow soon - please visit the following Web site for some photos of the vintage radios at: www.gm7v.com/yaesu2010.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

2009 -
26/12-29/12 YW5EID: Isla La Tortuga WLOTA:0169 QSL EA5KB (d)
27/12-1/1/10 JD1BLY: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL Buro or JI5RPT (d)
27/12-1/1/10 JD1BMH: Chichi Shima WLOTA:2269 QSL Buro or JG7PSJ (d)
28/12-3/1/10 5R8HX: Madagascar Island WLOTA:2455 QSL G4OHX (d)
31/12-03/01 DU1/HL1IWD: Luzon Island WLOTA:0081 QSL HC (d)
2010 -
01/01-31/12 8J3SENTO: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
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SIX METERS & UP -

A9, BAHRAIN: Reports indicate that "The Daily DX" is reporting that radio amateurs in Bahrain can now operate on 6 meters (50.0-50.5 MHz on a primary and exclusive basis, and 50.05-52.00 MHz on a secondary basis) and also on additional frequencies on 136 kHz 1.8 MHz, 7 MHz, 430 MHz and higher bands. However, they cannot operate on these newly allocated frequencies until their licenses are amended. [MMMonVHF]

MMMonVHF SPRINT AWARD:
Past week all AWARDs of the 2009 MS-SPRINT Contest of the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF have been send out. each Participant should have receive the Award. If any of the participants did not get any mail please do connect the Award Manager - All Details about the SPRINT you be able to find at: www.mmmonvhf.de/ctest2009.php [DK5EW]

22/12 The 50MHz Open Cumulative 1800z-2200z
22/12 RSGB 50MHz Activity Contest 2000z-2230z
28/12-4/1/10 YJ0NA: Port Vila OC-035 Grid: 6M 100W QSL JK1FNL (d/b)

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at: http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 23 December 2009)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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US COUNTY HUNTING - USA-CA

K7RE - Brian - 12-26-2009 to 12-27-2009 - SSB, CW and Digital
Please note that the South Dakota QSO Party is to be held on 26 December 2009. The new rules are at: www.w0blk.org/files/qsoparty.htm . The current selection for the SD QSO Party on most Web Sites do not reflect the current rules. Of course, please let me know what ever you may need to complete the update. Please post in as many places as you deem necessary to get the word out. [County Hunter Web]

K7RE - Brian - 12-26-2009 to 12-27-2009 - CW and Data - ECC accepted
I will be mobile /R for the upcoming South Dakota QSO Party (SDQP) to be held on 12-26-2009. Please see http://www.w0blk.org/files/qsoparty.htm for all details concerning SDQP. I will probably be using CW exclusively just below the usual CHN frequencies. Probably mostly on 20M. I will be driving through the following SD counties, east to west, beginning at about 0800 CST, or 1400 UTC: Spink Faulk Hand Potter Dewey Ziebach Perkins Meade Butte Lawrence As Lawrence is my home county, I intend to operate from my fixed station in this county until the end of the SDQP, with time off to sleep etc. I will be on the CW and Digital modes, no

SSB. The digital mode will consist on mainly PSK31 on 20M, around 14.073, slightly above the other PSK signals on that band. When 20 dies, I plan on being on 40 and 80M, at the standard PSK calling frequencies. This is probably your last chance to get these rare counties into your logbook for 2009. As mentioned on the Web Site, we intend to have another SDQP in the Spring Summer 2010 time frame, so as to allow many more mobiles to get on and give out SD counties. QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]

AA9JJ - Frank
Wife is N9QPQ - 5 stars - 12-24-2009 to 12-26-2009 - SSB Only
12-24: AZ: Maricopa, Yavapai, Mohave. NV: Clark.
12-25: No Run.
12-26: AZ: Mohave, La Paz, Yuma and Maricopa.
AA9JJ 5 stars and N9QPQ 4 stars; 20 and 40 SSB only. QSL via home call.
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QSL INFORMATION -

Just received qsl packages from:
A92GE, FG5FR, V26B, EU7SA, VP8YCE (SASE)
5X1NH,G3SWH, G3TXF, JT1CO, HA0HW, BA4TB, BY4USA, 9M6XRO, M0URX (ALL IBRS)
Note: new e-mail wf5e at yahoo.com
73 Les WF5E

QSLs received Bureau - 3B8MM, 3D2RX, 3XDQZ/P, 5H3AP/3, 5I3A, 5V7BR, 6M0W, 6V7E, 6V7M, 7P8AO, 8P9JG, 9J2FM, 9M2GCN, 9M2MRS, 9M4SMO, 9X/ON4WW, AP2TN, A62ER, A61NT, A43DLH, B7HQ, C6ATA, C6AKU, D2NX, D44TT, D44TXO, DL4JS/6W, DP1POL, EA7HW, EL2WW, ER1RR, ER3DX, FK/G3TXF, FK8HC, FM5LD, FO/N6JA, GB25FC, GW4CC, HS0ZDY, J38AA, J5C, J88XF, JO7CVU, MJ/F5CWU, OH1OR, OH2DZ/P, P29NI, PY2OMS, RW0LT, S79NS, S79NS/P, T88IW, T88KJ, TL0R, TM6BRE, TO4X, TO5RZ, TS7C, TX7LX, VK9AA, VK9LA, VK9N/G3TXF, VP2ERV, VU2SWS, VU4MY, VU4RG, VU7SJ, WI8R, YJ0TXF, YK1BA, YS1G and XU7ACY.

QSLs received Direct - 3D2NB (W7YAQ), 7P8MM (W0MM), C37URE (EA4URE), EA9/OL8R (OK1DRQ), FK8CP (QRZ.com), FO5RH (QRZ.com), FT5GA (F5OGL), K5D (N2OO), LA2NK [EU-044] (DL5ME), OJ0B (OH2BH), P29NI [OC-205] (G3KHZ), P49Y (AE6Y), PJ4A (K4BAI), SU8LH (SU1SK), SV1CQN (QRZ.com), T8CW (JH0IXE), T88CW (JH0IXE), TO4X (KQ1F), TY1MS (PA3AWW), TZ6JA (QRZ.com), VP2V/DL7VOG (hc), VP2MNK (DJ8NK), VP2MXO (DM2XO), XV4D (DL7DF), YJ0CCC (VK2CCC), ZA0/IK7JWX (IK7JWX), ZB2FK (QRZ.com) and ZD7X (W0MM).

QSLs received LoTW - VU2NKS and XR0Y.
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SILENT KEYS -

Fred "Angus" Small, ZL3FS has become Silent Key at the age of 95.

Nico, DB8KJ has become Silent Key.

William A. Wilson, K6ARO, who was the first U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, passed away in December at age 95.
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BITS & PIECES -

New logs are available on algarvedx.com/logonline
CQ1I - Berlenga Island (EU-040) 1997; PIP NT-029
CR5CQK - Igreja da Fuzeta LH POR-074 and Fa-44

CR5CQK - Dunas de S.Jacinto Natural Park DPRN FF-16 WFF CTFF-16
CT1CQK/p - Roxo Large Dam (20 November)
CU3F - Terceira Island - AZORES
CQ0ODX - Mouchao da Lebre Island (TJ-013); Mouchao dos Caracois Island (TJ-014) and 50 MHz expedition to Serra de Montejunto.
Informations about our awards algarvedx.com/
73's Algarve STAR DX Team

Maiau Archipelago, SA-041 - The same team who activated PW6C plan to be QRV from Maiau Archipelago, SA-041 in June 2010.
A formal announcement is likely next week.
SA-041 was last activated by PT2OP (PX8M) in July this year. [DXWoHR]

PA, Netherlands - Band 501 to 504kHz in the Netherlands: Starting on 1 January 2010, full licence holders in the Netherlands can opt for permission to conduct experiments in the band 501 to 504kHz with a maximum power of 5W EIRP and a maximum bandwidth of 100Hz.

VP8DML, W2APC/KC4 & W2APF/C6A/MM:
>From February 8, 2010 until March 5, 2010 Thaire W2APF will be operating under the following call signs:
W2APF/C6A/MM - While on board the ship National Geographic Explorer.
W2APF/KC4 - While in Antarctic territories.
VP8DML - While in the territory of the Falkland Islands including South Shetlands, South Orkney?s and South Georgia.
QSL all via W2APF. [dx-hamspirit.com]

VU, India - I am pleased to inform you that Indian Amateurs are now permitted to operate on 30 meters - 10100 to 10150 KHz.
73, Ganesh VU2TS [K1XN]

ZK & 5W - Bill N7OU and Bob W7YAQ will be operating from Tokelau between 17 February and 10 March 2010. This will include a MS entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest. Tokelau is only accessible by boat and the exact dates my change a little. Before sailing (10-16 February) and afterward (11-15 March) we'll be operating from Apia, Samoa. As usual our operation will be mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY, 160-10m. We'll be using 100w and vertical antennas. Callsigns TBA. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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